

## HIGH CIRCUS LICENSE TROUBLES SHOW PEOPLE

City Fathers Treat Attractions Dear to Small Boy's Heart Like Stepchild.

Circus, carnival and other outdoor show managers view with alarm, it is said, the new state law which was adopted for 1920 by the General Finance Committee. The bill, which journal of show interests, driving some of the showmen in a car to the new license tax schedule on shows, the periodical expresses the opinion that outdoor attractions will find Richmond a wide birth this summer.

Section 16, paragraph 3-a, provides that all drivers of circus and carnivals in the city, including street parade, shall pay a license tax as follows: One to 10 cars, \$50 per day; 11 to 20 cars, \$100 per day; 21 to 40 cars, \$150 per day; 41 to 60 cars, \$200 per day; 61 to 70 cars, \$250 per day; 71 to 80 cars, \$300 per day; one mile or less, with privilege of parade in city, \$100 per day.

Permit from the Director of Public Safety is required, and a bond of \$500 is required to be given guaranteeing the Director of Public Safety that the troupe will obey all laws and banners placed upon fences, billboards, buildings and other such similar structures for temporary advertising.

Local officials, such as are seen at carnivals and circuses and on midways of agricultural fairs, must pay a license fee and a permit fee on the concession fee of such stand in excess of \$200.

Merry-go-rounds, mobile horses, and other such amusements will be required to pay \$200 medicine vendor, open lots, \$100, natatoriums, bathing pools or bathe \$200, dancing saloons, \$100, billiard rooms, slot machines, each machine \$20; soda fountains and soft drink stands, from \$25 to \$100; theaters and moving picture shows, from \$100 to \$400.

**PERTINAX DEPLORES  
THE ABSENCE OF U.S.**

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Their sense of irritation against Milward, the British statesman today, if certain indications are to be taken seriously, are trying to soothe French feelings. Only a few days ago there arrived without announcement a British proposal to the effect that a joint statement be made to Germany in order to impress her with the necessity for carrying out the treaty terms.

It suggests that if German attention is attracted to the fact that no international loans and no supplies of raw material will be granted to her as long as she maintains an armed force contrary to the treaty terms, she may readjust her plans.

Moreover, Winston Churchill recently went very far indeed, when in conference with Foch, in suggesting the best means of compelling Germany to disband her army and destroy her war material. But definite assurance that England will unhesitatingly contribute if necessary to the military exertion of Germany remains lacking. This is rendered most unfortunate by the increasing realization among the men of the French government of the fact that their demand of a demonstration that treaty signs last year must remain a dead letter.

**Peril of the Middle Way.**

The feeling is general in France that every endeavor to find a middle way upon which the British government seems to be bent will result only in its gradual further destruction. Herein will lie the greatest difficulty which will confront the San Remo conference.

The Italian Premier, may be trusted to do everything in his power to promote any measure likely to advance the recovery of Germany. It now develops that if he had been listened to in London during the last fortnight, England would have sent an ultimatum to France in the endeavor to compel her to withdraw from Frankfort within forty-eight hours. He is reported to have gone even to the length of advocating the early dissolution of the interallied military commission now in control of Germany's armament. It is announced that he is sending to Berlin his designate ambassador, which means some who waits upon the spot for the adjustments which will make the appointment of an ambassador in fact a possibility, Baron di Martino, in spite of the fact that the London council decided six weeks ago not to nominate ambassadors to Berlin until Germany had proved by deeds as well as words that she is ready to hold to her promises.

That trend of Italian government is the natural consequence, it is believed both in France and England, of the punishment and treatment which it had at Versailles at the hands of President Wilson.

This plus its antagonism to Britain makes it fear that it can find relief from English domination in the Mediterranean only in a strongly reconstituted Central European power.

As far as Turkey is concerned the whole position is reversed. It is France which urges leniency toward Turkey, for far less than ever can France now afford to dispatch troops eastward in sufficient numbers to enforce the policy of strong European control. Contrariwise, England still is in possession of large military resources in those parts and wishes to destroy a status quo closely bound

## The Weather (Published by U. S. Weather Bureau.)



Forecast: Virginia  
—Cloudy Sunday and Monday, with probably showers; continued cool.

North Carolina—  
Partly cloudy Sunday; Monday sunny.

Local Temperature Yesterday.  
3 P.M. Temperature..... 52  
Maximum temperature to 8 P.M. .... 52  
Mean temperature..... 49  
Normal temperature for this date..... 58  
Excess since March 1..... 10  
Excess since January 1..... 141

Local Rainfall.  
Rainfall 12 hours ending 8 P.M. .... 54  
Rainfall 24 hours ending 8 P.M. .... 55  
Rainfall since March 1..... 129  
Excess since January 1..... 141

Local Observations at 8 P.M. Yesterday.  
Wind direction, northeast; wind velocity, 11; weather as 8 P.M., cloudy.

Special Data.  
Temperature, dry bulb, 8 P.M. .... 61  
Temperature, dry bulb, 8 P.M. .... 61  
Temperature, dry bulb, 8 P.M. .... 61  
Temperature, wet bulb, 8 P.M. .... 51  
Temperature, wet bulb, 8 P.M. .... 51  
Relative humidity, 1 P.M. .... 65  
Relative humidity, 8 P.M. .... 65  
Relative humidity, 8 P.M. .... 65

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

Athens ..... 58 High, Low, Clear

Atlanta ..... 61 Cloudy

Atlantic City ..... 64 Cloudy

Buffalo ..... 55 34 Clear

Boston ..... 59 51 52 Clear

Denver ..... 52 32 32 Snow

Detroit ..... 55 32 32 Cloudy

Hartford ..... 60 56 58 Cloudy

Jacksonville ..... 58 55 55 Cloudy

New Orleans ..... 56 55 55 Cloudy

Northport ..... 59 55 55 Cloudy

Pittsburgh ..... 55 52 52 Clear

Rochester ..... 58 55 55 Clear

St. Louis ..... 62 55 49 P. cloudy

Tampa ..... 75 65 55 Clear

Washington D. C. ..... 65 48 48 Cloudy

Wichita ..... 54 51 45 Clear

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Altitude, 5,000 feet. HIGH TIDE:

Sun rises ..... 5:52 Morning ..... 5:51

Sun sets ..... 5:46 Evening ..... 4:18

up with the conservation of French religious and financial interests.

Here Italy is playing the middle game, as she does not wish to precipitate the breakup of the Turkish empire—a contingency which she could not meet with adequate military strength, while at the same time she is anxious to maintain the traditional position of France.

Upon the eve of the tremendously important conference at San Remo such are the currents and cross-currents of European politics. All is not well. It is a great pity that America is barred from exercising at the conference a moderating influence.

**STAGE IS SET FOR  
SAN REMO CONFAB**

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Considerable doubt exists whether the Arianite question will come before the council, in view of unconfirmed reports that Premier Nitti, of Italy, after negotiations with Jugo-Slav representatives, has found an acceptable solution to problems arising out of conflicting claims.

**Dress May Be Present.**

PARIS, April 17.—Ellis Loring Dresel, American chargé d'affaires at Berlin, arrived here from that city today and shortly afterward left for the South. It is assumed in official circles that his journey is in connection with the San Remo conference and is taken to foreshadow the presence of an American observer there, although no official announcement to that effect has been made.

**WASHINGTTON.** April 17.—Italy, through Ambassador Avezzana, has invited the United States to send a representative to the allied conference at San Remo, and Secretary Colby has promised to lay the matter before President Wilson.

When the allied conference was first called, it was announced this country would not be represented and some officials believed this decision would not be changed.

The United States has not been formally represented at the peace conference since Under-Secretary Park left Paris last December. Ambassador Wallace has attended some of the meetings of the conference of ambassadors at Paris, but purely in the capacity of an observer. When the allied supreme council met at London Ambassador Davis did not attend.

**POLICE FINALLY GET MAN  
Neger, Wanted on Official Still Charge,  
Captured After Being Pug-  
tive for Month.**

After having evaded the officers of the law for more than a month, R. R. Dixon, colored, was at last captured yesterday morning, after being pugitive for months.

Grounds for the charges were found sometime ago in a house at 2219 North Twenty-eighth Street, where the others seized as still in jail. Dixon was captured at this time but later a warrant was issued for Dixon as the owner of the place.

According to the police, Dixon declared that the house which he was found in was owned by another man whose name he has failed to recollect. He is being held in jail, and will be given a hearing before Justice John Gruchin in Police Court Monday morning.

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## PUTTING SHIELDS' LAKE INTO SHAPE FOR BATHING

Bottom Being Cleaned of Mud and  
Bathhouses Will Be Erected  
for Use of Swimmers.

lake, which now has considerable mud in it, and the erection of a suitable bathhouse, where bathing can be changed for bathing suits. Mr. Collier said last night that once the work on this building is started, it can be completed in ten days.

On one Sunday last summer, when the lake was opened in a limited way without a bathhouse or other facilities, more than 2,000 people enjoyed the cooling waters and sought relief in them from the scorching rays of the midday sun. With the improved facilities, the lake is expected to prove even more popular this year.

Improvements planned for the opening of Shields' Lake, this summer, as an attractive bathing center for the most women and children of Richmond are: Improved working out yesterday of Hume's park, including its playgrounds and playgrounds. Extensive work must be done before the lake will be suitable for bathing and recreation purposes. The work will be started in the next few days in order that it can be completed in time to prevent any delay in the opening of the lake.

Improvements include a proper bottom for bathing purposes for the

and will raise \$36,000 next week to carry on its work, which includes the operation of three community centers, the staging of neighborhood sports, picnics and motion picture entertainments in the parks during the summer.

**WARM POLITICAL FIGHT  
IN DELAWARE PRIMARY**

Sussex County Scene of Battle Over Nomination of Governor Townsend Jr.

By Associated Press

WILMINGTON, DEL., April 17.—The warmest fight in the Delaware Republican primary today was in Sussex County, where Governor George W. Du Pont was contesting for national delegates. Friend of the Governor late tonight claimed that he had won twenty-eight of the sixty-two delegates in the district and will control the Sussex County committee.

men to the state convention which will select Delaware's six national delegates. Supporters of Daniel J. Layton, who is opposing the Governor, claimed the county's delegation will be against the governor.

On Tuesday evening, to present their case, the national delegates will be instructed by the State convention, Senator G. H. Ellsworth, and United States Senator J. H. Smith, of the State convention, will be among the six selected to go to Chicago.

Returns also indicate that General Du Pont will be reelected county committeeman.

**GOOD PROGRESS IS MADE  
Hard Coal Wins Negotiators Clear  
Decks for Final Action.**

NEW YORK, April 17.—The submitted and accepted miners and operators, appointed to negotiate the new wage agreement for the hard coal region, cleared the decks here Tuesday evening, to present their case, the individual demands of the workers.

After both sides had presented the last of their statable arguments and completed their case, the committee adjourned to meet next Monday night.



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